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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ROKG FISHERIES DELEGATION TO GUYANA

REF: STATE 277226, SEOUL 9863

1. ROKG FORNMIN OFFICIALS TAE HYUK HAM, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIV., AND YOUNG HWANG, DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL AND S. AMERICAN DIV., CALLED ON AMBASSADOR NOV 30, AFTER CONCLUDING TWO DAYS OF TALKS IN GEORGETOWN WITH GOG ON POSSIBLE BILATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT. THEY REPORTED THAT, ALTHOUGH A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED TO HOLD A SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS (POSSIBLY IN SEOUL AT THE INVITATION OF THE ROKG), PRESENT PROSPECTS FOR A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ARE DIM AT BEST. THEY INFORMED US THAT THE GOG HAD LED OFF CURRENT TALKS BY REQUESTING AN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PACKAGE TOTALLING US\$225 MILLION, WHICH INCLUDED BOP SUPPORT PAYMENTS, GRANTS AND PROJECT LOANS AT CONCESSIONARY TERMS, IN CONSIDERATION FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT. THEY ADDED THAT NO QUID PRO QUO HAD BEEN SPECIFIED, BUT THAT, IN ANY CASE,
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THE GOG REQUEST WAS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. ACCORDING TO TAE AND YOUNG, HOLDING OF SECOND ROUND OF TALKS IS ITSELF CONDITIONED ON ROK'S AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PROVISION OF SOME SORT OF LARGE AID PACKAGE.

2. WHEN ASKED IF ROK FISHING INTERESTS HAD CONSIDERED AVAILAING THEMSELVES OF CURRENT GOG LICENSING REGULATIONS,

THEY RESPONDED THAT THE G\$100,000 (US\$39,290) PER ANNUM FEE APPLICABLE TO FOREIGN OWNED, FOREIGN BASED VESSELS IS PROHIBITIVE. THEY ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH FEES FOR FOREIGN OWNED, LOCALLY BASED BOATS IS ECONOMIC, THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR SHIFTING ROK FISHING OPERATIONS TO GEORGETOWN FROM OTHER BASES IN THE REGION.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH AWARE THAT THE GOG WAS LIKELY TO TAKE A TOUGH STANCE ON FISHERIES QUESTION AND WOULD EXACT A PRICE FOR AN AGREEMENT,ROKG DELEGATION MEMBERS SEEMED SHOCKED BY THE MAGNITUDE OF GOG REQUEST. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF ROK'S LOW POLITICAL STANDING IN GUYANA AND N. KOREAN INFUENCE, THE OUTCOME IS NOT SURPRISING. ABSENCE OF CHIEF FISHERIES NEGOTIATOR MINAGR GAVIN KENNARD (IN ROME FOR FAO CONFERENCE) ALSO MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO GOG INFLEXIBILITY AND APPARENT UNWILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY.
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